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SUBJECT Trace Reply - Karl Heil Hermann HANKE, born 28 October 1910 in Altdamm District Randow, Pomerania			

ACTION REQUIRED - REFERENCES

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REF: WASH 8000, dated 26 June 1968

Attached for your information is a copy of the USAMRMC Central Registry trace reply concerning Subject.

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HAMEL, Karl Emil Hermann (C)
DOB: 24 October 1910
POB: Altdegg District Randow
Pomerania

1. (U) Information on file dated December 1949 indicates that Karl Emil Hermann HAMEL, born 24 October 1910 in ALTDENN, whose last residence was HAGAKO-KEN, KANAZAWA-MACHI, Japan, was a Gestapo official and an SD Obersturmfuehrer. HE started working for the Gestapo in 1935 as a translator/interpreter in the counter espionage department. From 1937 to 1940, HE worked with the press department and from April to October 1940, HE worked with the Gestapo units in Norway. In 1941, HE went to Japan where HE worked first as a translator and then as a Liaison Officer. HIS job was to coordinate the German ship movements from Japan with the Japanese authorities and the German Navy. (C-3) (This paragraph FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

2. (U) Information on file indicates that one Karl Hamel who resided at 24a LAUBENBURG/HLS, Berlinerstrasse 88, not further identified, wrote a letter dated 24 November 1949 to the Commanding Officer, GIC Headquarters HIICOM which is quoted as follows: "As a man with ample experience and certain qualifications which might be of some interest to your office or to a respective other service branch and in some reference to a question, which was put to me by one of your officers at the Repatriation Center in Ludwigsburg, Germany, I take leave to enquire about chances of being employed. I am a former member of a certain branch of the German Police. In 1945, I was interned at Tokyo, Japan by order of the US Army Authorities. In 1947, I was repatriated to Germany via Rep. Ctr. 26th Infantry, Ludwigsburg/Wuertt. My denazification was carried through by Camp 77, Ludwigsburg, under file number BJ 1415/48. I am 39 years old, married, two children, living as a refugee at this place. At present, I am without a proper job, in which I could make use of my special experience and my linguistic qualifications. As to my experience I beg to state that after some years of service in Germany and other European countries, I was attached to the German Embassy in Tokyo-Liaison office of the German Police to the Japanese Department of Interior and other Japanese Police authorities. A linguist (interpreter/translator) by profession, I have a thorough knowledge of English, Russian, Japanese, Polish, Norwegian and French. I am also able to make translations from Swedish, Danish, Finnish, Czech, Ukrainian, Italian, Spanish, Romanian, Dutch and Hungarian. Furthermore, I have some slight knowledge of Chinese, Malay and Arabic. This linguistic knowledge, I would like to maintain and expand. It has proven useful to know some language, working in G-1 offices. As for references with regards to my activities in Japan etc., I beg you to apply to Major Shachan, 1945-46 member of GIC, Headquarters Tokyo/Yokahama. The present

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SUBJECT: HAMEL, Karl Emil Hermann (6)

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Whereabouts of Major Sheehan are unknown to me. Sheehan was in charge of my investigations at Tokyo. Further data as to my personality as well as to my career will be furnished if required. Hoping that my above request will be taken into consideration by you, Sir, or forwarded to any other US Service-Branch possibly interested, I beg to remain most respectfully." (F-6) (This paragraph FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY.

3. (U) Information on file indicates that one Karl Hamel, born 1910, married, having two children, who resided in TOKYO, Japan, was a "Lt. d Pol." and an interpreter to the Police Attaché in TOKYO, during 1940 to 1945. The information further indicates that Hamel was an interpreter in Norway in 1940 and that he spoke English, French, Russian, Norwegian, Japanese and Italian, and was an employee who had been sent to Japan in late 1940. (Uneval) (This paragraph FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY).

4. (U) No further pertinent information available.

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